

Conservation On the Ground - General Electric Enviro Day Educating Youth About Local Natural Resources



Youth in today's culture are rarely exposed to local natural resources unless their parents introduce them. That is why local officials at General Electric (GE) in Decatur, Alabama, began the GE Enviro Day. The purpose of the event is to educate GE employees and their kids about local environmental issues and present opportunities for them to become involved in local projects.

This year's event was held at the USDA Service Center located at the Flint Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank (FCWMB) in Morgan County, Alabama. Presentations were made to 45 GE employees and their children on topics that included water quality,



wetlands wildlife, and wildlife relocation. After the presentations, opportunities for public involvement were discussed and members of the group



signed up for future environmental projects and as EARTH Team volunteers. Following a session of questions and answers, lunch was provided, and then the group planted bald cypress trees at the FCWMB. The trees will provide a buffer between the Service Center building and the wetlands.

The program was a cooperative effort of General Electric, Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Flint Creek Watershed Conservancy District, and EARTH Team Volunteers.

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